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Local chapter dedicates monument to "Red Mike"

BY LANCE CPL. REBECCA A. LAMONT Chevron staff

monument dedication ceremony in honor of Maj. Gen. Merritt "Red Mike" Edson was held by the E Clampus Vitus John P. Squibob Chapter Oct. 25 at Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

"You can walk through just about any door on a Marine Corps base and find a Marine who would qualify for the title hero," said Paul Ketchum, the ECV John P. Squibob president of the all-service veterans organizations. "There is no way we can tell all of their stories, but we decided to tell 'Red Mike's story on their behalf."

When the idea of dedicating the monument to "Red Mike" was introduced by retired Sgt. Maj. Bob Barron, a chapter member, Ketchum was inspired because Maj. Gen. Edson was a perfect example of a true Marine.

Maj. Gen. Edson, a Vermont native, was nicknamed "Red Mike" for his red hair and beard. He was a recipient of the Medal of Honor, two Navy Crosses, the Silver Star and two Legions of Merit. He is remembered for the defense of Lunga Ridge during the Guadalcanal Campaign in

Lance Cpl. Francine A. Loya, right, quarterback of the Headquarters & Service Battalion team Semper Fly, scans the field for an open receiver to throw the ball to in the game against Medical's Watch and Awe during the Powder Puff Football Tournament near the depot field house Oct. 24. W&A's offense and unyielding pass defense won the championship game against SF in a 12-6 victory. SF started strong with an early interception, but failed to convert any points with the ball n their possession W&A scored on their initial drive with the team intercepting the ball during Semper Fly's responding drive, allowing a 12-0 lead heading into the second half. SF showed signs of gaining momentum on an interception followed by a rushing touchdown. W&A's offense couldn't add to their lead giving SF a chance to tie the game. SF failed to score in the remaining two minutes of the game. Cpl. Kevin M. Knallay/Chevron

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From left to right: Col. Jim Seaton, commanding officer of Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.; Col. Steve Fisher, retired; Col. Ken Helfrich, commanding officer of Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego; Col. Michael Biszak, assistant chief of staff recruiting, MCRD San Diego; Col. Christopher Conlin, AC/S operations, MCRD San Diego; 1st Sgt. David Huckobey, first sergeant of Headquarters Company, Weapons and Field Training Battalion; Sgt. Maj. Harry Rivera, sergeant major of WFTBn; Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Dixon, sergeant major of MCB Camp Pendleton; Col. Patrick Looney, commanding officer of WFTBn; and Medal of Honor recipient John Finn, retired, pose next to the monument dedicated to Maj. Gen. Merritt "Red Mike" Edson Oct. 25. The all-services veterans organization, E Clampus Vitus John P. Squibob, San Diego Chapter, is responsible for the monument dedication. Lance Cpl. Rebecca Lamont/Chev.

World War II.

He retired Aug. 1, 1947, at 50 years old and with 30 years of military service.

Additionally, Edson Range was named after the major general and is one of the four largest firing ranges on the base. Edson Range

is used for qualifying Marine recruits during four weeks of field and marksmanship training.

"We dedicate this monument to every United States Marine past, present and future who has earned the privilege to wear the eagle, globe and anchor," said Ketchum.

The entire monument was compiled from stones that were gathered from all over the battalion's training area by members of the chapter, explained Col. Patrick G. Looney, the commanding officer of WFTBn.

"Stripper clips and shells

gathered from Edson Range were imbedded into the concrete portion of the monument, which was fitting and gave the monument a very personal touch," said Looney.

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The chapter, which is a nonprofit organization, is known for their historian society monuments. They honor many historical events or individuals, but Looney said this dedication ceremony was more personal than most.

The E Clampus Vitus Squibob Chapter has been involved in historical preservation as well as humanitarian work and public service programs for almost 150 years. The chapter is also responsible for erecting over 62 monuments at various military installations.

"It was a privilege to be able to come to the dedication," said retired naval officer Lt. John William Finn, who is 99 years old and the oldest living Medal of Honor recipient from the attack on Pearl Harbor.

"Every Marine is inspired by the dedication of Maj. Gen. Edson, and it's only fitting this monument be dedicated to him," said Looney.



SPIE RIGGING

Recon Marines take training to new heights

Recruit Spotlight

Company B honorman uses **Boy Scout experience** in recruit training

FIRE TEAM RUSH

Recruits assault through Janson's Thrust

Is the depot really haunted?

BY CPL. ROBERT W. BEAVER Chevron staff

an Diego is known as one of the country's most haunted cities according to the paranormal investigations community. I started a low-scale paranormal investigation of the depot during the past year where I managed to scare myself quite a bit.

I've been felt uneasy in certain areas of the depot. Sleeping here has also been hard for me. I often experienced what medical experts call sleep paralysis, or what folklore calls "Night Hagging." It can be a terrifying experience. I have no control of my body, am shaking violently and it seems like someone is trying to disturb my sleep.

Last Halloween, I heard the rumor that the depot is haunted. In my search, I found no hard evidence that can prove that our installation is haunted. All I have are stories from base personnel and the things I thought I saw.

As I share their stories, I will not include their names so that their professional judgment is never questioned. I will happily share my stories since it is no secret that I'm crazy.

My investigation started at the command museum. I spoke with several staff members who all had plenty of stories to share with me, enough that I do not have the time to write about them.

They told me about Mikey, a young, short, red-haired corporal who occasionally appears to staff members. On different occasions, staff members were performing their daily tasks to close the building for the day, which included a restroom check.

As the workers looked into the first floor restroom, they saw Mikey standing there in his service "C" uniform staring off into the distance. After the employees explained to Mikey that the museum was closing for the day, he looked into their eyes and disappeared.

During another incident around the close of business, something played tricks on the staff members. As they tried to close the building, the alarm would not arm. Staff members inspected the building for any opened doors or

windows that would not allow the alarm system to work.

They found a room on the second floor with all of the windows open. They closed the windows and tried to set the alarm again. It wouldn't work. They searched the building again and found the same windows open. They closed them and tried to set the alarm. Nothing happening. The same windows were opened again. Staff members played the game several more times before it stopped and they went home.

Spooky things happen at the museum from time to time. Paranormal activity usually increases when the museum hires a new employee. Loud crashes that sound like cabinets falling over can be heard by one person but not by another.

One employee had trash thrown at her, trash she remembers throwing away days before.

The museum staff also challenged a skeptical friend to visit the museum at night. They told me that their friend lasted only a few minutes before she came out convinced it was haunted. She heard several voices, and it didn't take long before she had to leave.

The museum is my favorite place on the depot, and I try to visit when I have spare time. I never saw anything paranormal during my visits, but I have turned down an offer to visit the place at night. Ghosts are scary.

My experiences are limited to lights flashing on and off in several buildings to an experience I had when I was working out alone in the 12th Marine Corps District gym.

While performing crunches, I heard a loud bang. My eyes immediately looked at the punching bag, which was swinging back and forth, but nobody was there.

I wasn't too scared because I already heard the rumors about the district building being haunted. I knew what I was getting myself into when I decided to work out alone. I finished my crunches, and the bag was still swinging.

I wondered how this could have happened. I learned that paranormal activity can only be determined after nothing else can explain why it happened.

I thought maybe someone punched it

before I came in and my mind was just playing tricks on me. I approached the bag and tried my own test. I punched the bag to time how long it would swing. It didn't swing long. Somebody couldn't have punched it before I came in and no one could have came in, punched the bag and left because I was in a position where I could see the only door to the gym. It was a mystery.

I spoke with district Marines, and they told what building duty is like there. While some laugh at the idea that the building is haunted, others say they can hear footsteps coming from the second floor and somebody calling military cadence.

Most of the stories I hear involve the museum and the district building, but I have also heard rumors about legal, the Headquarters and Service Battalion building, the theatre, the Bayview Restaurant and the library all rumored of being haunted.

I also came in contact with a former Marine who used to be stationed here. He claims that he has a sixth sense and has felt a spiritual presence here as well as the other bases he was stationed

He classifies the depot as a residual haunting, which is where spirits return because they are familiar with the area. He may as well be as crazy as I am because he sure seemed like he knew what he was saying.

As I continued my research of paranormal activity, I read that buildings that are considered historical are commonly considered haunted. Nearly all depot buildings are registered as historical buildings and were once barracks for many Marines and sailors.

While I can't prove that the depot is haunted, I can tell you that I have been paranoid for the last year. The more I looked for answers the more scared I became. The television in my barracks room turned on and off when ever it wanted to, and I would wake at night feeling powerless and believing someone is in my room trying to anger me.

Whether you believe the depot is haunted or not, say your prayers before bed and have a Happy Halloween.



Using digital camera features, Cpl. Robert W. Beaver, combat correspondent, Headquarters and Service Battalion, casts a ghostly image at James L. Day Hall Oct. 28. The command museum and several other buildings on the depot are rumored to be haunted. Cpl. Kevin Knallay/Chevron

RRIFES

Daylight Savings Time ends

Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour at 2 a.m. Sunday.

Uniform change

Beginning Monday, Marines on the depot are required to wear the woodland digital MARPAT with sleeves down. The Service "B" uniform will be worn Thursday and Friday of graduation weeks.

Combined Federal Campaign

The Combined Federal Campaign is an annual workplace charity campaign that supports eligible non-profit organizations to provide health and human service benefits throughout the world. MCRD military and civilian workers who wish to donate can contact their organizational section leaders for forms and instructions. Call the depot representative, Maj. Michael Gervasoni, at (619) 524-8805 for more information.

Wounded Marine training program

The Wounded Marine Careers Foundation is looking for transitioning and discharged disabled veterans of all services to participate in a training program that qualifies graduates to work in the entertainment industry. Interested service members should contact Jeffrey Galloway, admissions officer, for more information at (858) 974-8134 or by e-mail at jeffrey@woundedmarinecareers.org. More information on the Wounded

Marine Careers Foundation may be found at www.woundedmarinecareers.org.

Retired Military Personnel Seminar & Resource Fair

Navy Region Southwest will host a Retired Military Personnel Seminar & Resource Fair tomorrow from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Historic Liberty Station's The Rock Academy, 2277 Rosecrans St. The event is free and open to military retirees and service members and their families. Speakers include representatives from Navy Region Southwest, Defense Finance and Accounting Services, TRIWEST/TRICARE for LIFE. Additionally, and a special guest presentation on wellness will feature information regarding medical entitlements, veteran's services, legislation, social security administration and other issues affecting retired personnel, their families and surviving spouses. To register or for more information, call (619) 556-8987, or e-mail cnrswrao@navy.mil.

Veteran's Day celebration

The command museum will host a Veterans' Day open house Nov. 11 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

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Marine Corps Recruiting Command recognizes Superior Achievers for 2008

Compiled by MCRD San Diego and MCRC

The Fiscal Year 2009 Marine Corps Recruiting Command National Commanders Conference was held in San Diego Oct. 21-23 for region commanders, assistant chiefs of staff, region sergeants major, district commanders, district operation officers, and recruiting station commanders.

The purpose of the conference was to address current and future issues facing the command and to recognize the efforts of recruiting stations deemed FY08 Superior Achievers.

At the end of each fiscal year, the commandant of the Marine Corps recognizes those recruiting

8th Marine Corps District

RS Albuquerque

RS Dallas

RS Denver

RS Fort Worth

stations that have distinguished themselves through overall superlative performance by meeting or exceeding quantitative and qualitative objectives in annual enlisted and officer recruiting missions. The commandant acknowledges the following recruiting stations as Superior Achievers for fiscal year 2008:

Eastern Recruiting Region

1st Marine Corps District 4th Marine Corps District **RS Harrisburg RS Baltimore RS New Jersey RS Cleveland RS Portsmouth RS Frederick RS Springfield RS** Louisville **RS Richmond**

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RS Montgomery RS Phoenix RS Nashville RS San Antonio

Western Recruiting Region

9th Marine Corps District 12th Marine Corps District **RS Orange RS** Indianapolis **RS Portland RS Kansas City RS Sacramento RS Milwaukee** RS San Diego **RS Lansing RS Twin Cities**



Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James F. Amos, awards Maj. Brian P. Coyne, Recruiting Station Sacramento commanding officer, a plaque for the RS being recognized as an FY08 Superior Achiever Oct. 23, at this year's Marine Corps Recruiting Command National Commanders Conference in San Diego. Sgt. Ezekiel R. Kitandwe/12th Marine Corps District



Gen. James F. Amos, assistant commandant of the Marine Corps, addresses all region commanders, sergeants major, district commanders, district operation officers and recruiting station commanders at this year's MCRC National Commanders Conference in San Diego Oct. 23. The conference was held to discuss recruiting topics and issues as well as to recognize those recruiting stations designated as FY08 Superior Achievers. Sgt. Ezekiel R. Kitandwe/12th Maine Corps District

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE TUESDAY

Units are required to conduct training for Marines and their families. Each command has a unit voting assistance officer who can answer questions concerning voting.

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Two Marines acting as the ground crew for the Special Patrol Insertion Extraction exercise keep ropes untangled as a Sea Knight helicopter hovers over the landing zone. Lance Cpl. Paul Matthew Brown/Chevron

Marines get high speed in SPIE

BY CPL. SHAWN DICKENS Chevron staff

Special Patrol Insertion Extraction, SPIE, is a system developed to rapidly insert or extract a reconnaissance patrol from an area that would not allow a helicopter to land in thick jungle or rough terrain.

The SPIE rope is lowered into the pickup area from a hovering helicopter. The rope is one inch thick and has a series of metal rings spaced along the rope. The personnel participating in the extraction each wear a harness that attaches to the metal ring with a carabiner. Participants are also fitted with a safety rope tied around their bodies and attached to the SPIE rope, via carabiner. Should the harness fail, the rope would prevent a fatal accident, explained Staff Sgt. Adrian Gomez, helicopter rope suspension techniques instructor at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Once all personnel are securely attached to the SPIE rope, the helicopter begins to lift vertically from the extraction area until the rope and its passengers are clear of all obstacles, then proceeds forward in flight to a secure landing zone.

During flight, the rope and person-

nel are treated as an external load so the helicopter crew monitors the airspeed, altitudes and oscillations, ensuring the safety of not only those members on the rope, but inside the helicopter as well.

"It was frightening at first but was an interesting experience to hang from a helicopter by a rope," said Sgt. Matthew Wee, service record book and officer qualification record noncommissioned officer-in-charge, Installation Personal Administration Center. "Being lifted that far from the ground felt great; the training is important for Marines to know because it can help them get out of danger fast if necessary."



Marines wearing SPIE harnesses inspect the a safety rope under their harness in case of



A CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter waits as Ma



Marine Helicopter Rope Suspension Training instructors from Camp Margarita, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., assist Marines on the SPIE rope as they are lowered to the ground. Participants in the SPIE training were students in the HRST course held at Camp Margarita. Cpl. Shawn Dickens/Chevron



Suspended from a Sea Knight helicopter on known as SPIE. Lance Cpl. Paul Matthew Brown/Chevron



carabiners attaching them to the metal rings in the SPIE rope. The Marines wear a malfunction. Cpl. Shawn Dickens/Chevron



rines begin to board for rappelling exercises. Lance Cpl. Paul Matthew Brown/Chevron



a rope an inch in diameter, Marines experience the rapid extraction techinque



Marines dangle under a CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter during SPIE training at Camp Margarita aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Sept. 24. During flight, the Marines on the rope are considered an external load and the helicopter crew monitors airspeed, altitudes and oscillations to ensure the safety of everyone involved. Cpl. Shawn Dickens/Chevron

From Boy Scout to Company B honorman

BY CPL. SHAWN DICKENS Chevron staff

When Lance Cpl. Stephen Pace, Company B, Platoon 1028, departed Rule, Texas, a little over 12 weeks ago and arrived at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, he had no idea he would soon be "tossed directly into the fire."

On training day one, Pace was chosen to be the platoon guide. The guide is the senior

recruit in charge of all other recruits during basic training. During routine daily tasks, he is the link between the drill instructors and the rest of the platoon.

Being platoon guide is a tough job. The other platoons in Company B changed guides several times during training. Platoon 1028, however, kept Pace as their guide throughout the entire 13 weeks of training.



Lance Cpl. Stephen Pace, Platoon 1028 guide and Company B honorman looks over the Leadership Reaction Course during the Crucible at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Oct. 22. The LRC is a series of stations designed to test the recruits' leadership and problem-solving skills.

Cpl. Shawn Dickens/Chevron

While being tossed into the fire seemed like a punishment to Pace at first, the constant pressure that the drill instructors applied only helped to forge him into the strong leader they knew he could be.

"When I first saw Recruit Pace I knew he was a natural leader," said Sgt. J. R. Corona, drill instructor, Platoon 1028, Company B. "He just had the presence of a leader; that's why I chose him."

At first, Pace was unsure as to why he was chosen as the platoon guide, but as training progressed, he became aware of that special quality the drill instructors had taken notice of early on.

"Before I joined the Marine Corps, I was in the Boy Scouts," said Pace. "They taught me a lot of the basic core values that every man needs, things like being trustworthy, loyal and helpful."

It was the valuable training that Pace learned on his way to becoming an Eagle Scout, the highest rank one can receive in scouting, that he said helped him succeed as not only platoon guide but also as a Marine.

"A lot of the values I was taught in the Boy Scouts apply to the Marine Corps," said Pace.

According to the Boy Scouts of America Web site, a scout must follow 12 basic guidelines. These guidelines are called "the Scout Law," dictating that a scout must be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

On a basic level, the Marine Corps' values of honor, courage and commitment are similar to the values that Pace learned in scouting. In the Boy Scouts, young men are encouraged to learn and practice leadership skills.

As platoon guide, Pace was forced to put all the skills he had learned to the test.

"Pace is a great leader and a hard worker," said Pfc. Corey Williams, first squad leader, Platoon 1028. "It is hard to get so many guys on the same page when it comes to getting things done, but Pace was able to do it with no problems. He is a natural leader."

In the end, all the hard work and constant pressure from the drill instructors paid off because as Lance Cpl. Pace crosses the parade deck on graduation day, he does so not only as guide for Platoon 1028, but also as Company B's honorman.

"It is an amazing feeling to be a Marine," said Pace. "Now that I am through with recruit training, I know how all the hardships have paid off; I wouldn't change a thing."



Lance Cpl. Stephen Pace demonstrates how to go through one obstacle in the Leadership Reaction Course. After graduating from recruit training, Pace will go on to train as a Reconnaissance Marine.

Cpl. Shawn Dickens/Chevron

Maj. Gen. James L. Williams

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Maj. Gen. James L. Williams is currently assigned as the commanding general, 4th Marine Division since April 2007. His previous position was as the assistant division commander, 2nd Marine Division, which began in November 2006. His previous assignment was as deputy commanding general, Marine Corps Combat Development Command. He also served during combat operations as the assistant division commander, 2nd Marine Division from 2005 to 2006, at Camp Blue Diamond, Ar-Ramadi, Iraq, and earlier with I Marine Expeditionary Force as the deputy commanding general in Fallujah, Iraq. He also serves on the Secretary of Defense Reserve Force Policy Board.

Maj. Gen. Williams was born in Bethlehem, Pa. His formative years were spent in Reading, Pa., and Philadelphia. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Slippery Rock University, Pa., in 1975. He reported to Officer Candidate School in January 1976, and received his commission in March 1976. He received masters degrees from Georgetown University in government and national security affairs in 1981; from Yale University in hospital management/public health in 1984; and from the U.S. Army War College in international security studies in 2000.

Currently, he is working on his master's degree in computer engineering and computer science.

Upon completion of The Basic School, Quantico, Va., in 1976, he did a tour with the Officer Selection Office in Pittsburgh. He was subsequently assigned in 1976 to the 3rd Marine Division to serve with 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines, serving as a rifle platoon leader.

Returning from overseas in January 1978, he reported to 2nd Force Troops, as the assistant command inspector. He was then assigned to 2nd Force Reconnaissance Company as a Force Reconplatoon leader and deployed several times for NATO exercises. During this period, he attended reconnaissance training schools.

In 1979, he was transferred to Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C. During this tour, he served as a ceremonial platoon leader; White House presidential military social aide to Presidents Carter and Reagan; coach of the Marine Barracks boxing team; head of TBS Correspondence Course, Marine Corps Institute; and attended graduate school at Georgetown University from 1979 to 1981. He completed the Amphibious Warfare Non-Resident Course in 1980.

In 1981, he was assigned to the Reserve component of the Marine Corps and was assigned to duty with the 14th Marines where he served with 2nd Battalion, 14th Marines, 4th Marine Division, as a forward observer; battery executive officer; battery commanding

officer; and battalion logistics officer. While with the 14th Marines, in 1986, he was the recipient of the Outstanding Junior Marine Corps Reserve Officer Award presented by the Reserve Officers Association. He completed graduate school at Yale University during this period.

He was then assigned to the 4th Reconnaissance Battalion in 1988, where he served as the battalion operations and training officer; battalion diving officer; and executive officer. During 1990-1991, the battalion was called to duty for Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm One reconnaissance company was assigned to lead the reconnaissance efforts for both the 1st and 2nd Divisions in their attacks on Iraq. The remainder of the battalion was assigned to conduct counter-narcotics operations in America and overseas. In 1991, he attended the Marine Corps Reserve Command and Staff College Course as a student.

In 1992, he completed school and was assigned to the 4th Marine Division as the assistant operations officer. In 1993, he completed the Air Command and Staff College Reserve Component Course. In October 1993, he was assigned as the assistant operations officer. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel in 1994. In 1995, he was assigned as the commanding officer, 1st Battalion, 23rd Marines. In 1997, the battalion was assigned to the 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division for exercise Kernal Blitz '97. He

was selected in 1997 to attend the U.S. Army War College Distant Education Program. He was promoted to colonel in 1998.

He was then selected and assigned to be the deputy commander, I MEF Augmentation Command Element in 2000. In 2000, he graduated from the U.S. Army War College. In 2002, while in this assignment, he was assigned as the deputy director, Operations Combined Joint Task Force-180, conducting combat operations in Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom. He was selected for promotion to brigadier general in 2003.

From 2003 to 2005 he served as the commander, I MEF ACE. During this period, he served as the acting commanding general, I MEF, Camp Pendleton, Calif.





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Recruits from Company B participate in the Leadership Reaction Course during the Crucible at Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Oct. 22. During the LRC, also referred to as 12-Stall, the recruits participate in various team building scenarios in which they must work together to Pfc. A. M. Nystrom Pfc. S. A. Northup Pvt. J. D. Odom Pfc. T. Y. Oljuskin *Lance Cpl. S. J. Pace *Pfc. J. E. Ontiveros Pvt. S. O. Ontiveros Pvt. T. D. Parker Pvt. M. M. Ortiz Pvt. C. J. Partridge Pvt. N. R. Parikakis *Pfc. S. A. Peck Pfc. M. A. Parr Jr. Pvt. S. E. Penn Pvt. C. A. Parrgrande Pvt. T. Perrault Pvt. K. Patel Pvt. J. L. Pesch Pvt. R. W. Pattee Pvt. D. Peterson Pfc. T. S. Patterson Pvt. S. Presig Pfc. C. L. Penny Pvt. T. L. Pulliam *Pfc. J. N. Peoples

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Janson's Thrust: a test of teamwork and warrior ethos

BY LANCE CPL. PAUL MATTHEW BROWN Chevron Staff

During the Crucible, the recruits of Company B overcame innumerable mental and physical challenges through various obstacles that must be negotiated as a team.

One of these challenges is called Janson's Thrust, a bayonet assault course named after Sgt. Ernest A. Janson, a Medal of Honor recipient.

Janson earned the award in the line of duty while serving in France in 1918 as a member of the first U.S. Ground Forces Contingent to arrive in the war zone. He spotted an enemy attack on his squad and sounded the alarm while rushing and bayoneting two enemy leaders, forcing the rest of the enemy to retreat while receiving severe wounds from his enemies.

"Janson's Thrust is an evaluation of many things the recruits have been learning during boot camp," said Sgt. J. R. Corona, Platoon 1028 drill instructor. "During this infiltration course, I get a chance to see if they can remember and use some different fire team movement techniques and if they have been able to grasp the warrior ethos."

The U-shaped course is a series of tires, trenches, cover such as dirt mounds and log walls and obstacles the recruits run through and overcome as tactically as possible.

Recruits go one fire team at a time and move as a team through each individual obstacle until they reach one of the regrouping points. They start at a series of simulated enemy tires staged above ground and in trenches. After regrouping, the fire team crawls through makeshift tunnels and run to the next available cover. Making sure team integrity is still intact, the recruits negotiate a set of long tunnels, followed by a rope bridge.

At the end of the course, the fire team breaks up and the recruits run to and bound over several log obstacles that vary in height. Once the course concludes, the recruits refill their canteens and drink water.

"They are tired, thirsty and hot but they have to commit themselves to the course to complete it properly," Corona said. "It also takes courage to put a bayonet on your rifle and run screaming into the enemy position."

Recruit Leeroy Salinas, a fire-team leader for Platoon 1028, said he has learned a lot during the Crucible.

"I think this course specifically was a way to get some more practice communicating as a team and moving as a team through obstacles," Salinas said.

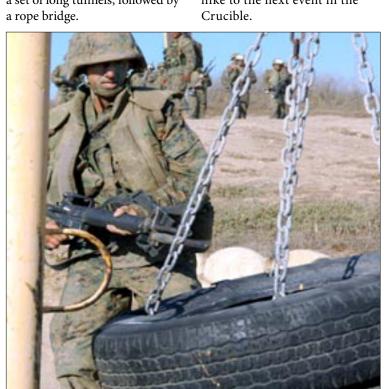
Recruits are here to learn the true meaning of commitment, sacrifice and what it takes to be a Marine, said Corona.

"I learned to never leave any of my brothers behind," said Salinas. "Pick him up if you have to. We all have got to look out for each other. I also noticed that I won't give up if the others don't, and vise versa."

The Crucible is the final phase in the transition from recruit to Marine.

"The fact that the drill instructors are starting to be mentors for them and are teaching them how each great Marine has had equally great core values is a sign of their change from recruit to Marine," Corona said. "These changes we have made will help them understand the role of a platoon sergeant rather than a drill instructor so their transition to the fleet will be smoother."

After the exercise, Corona had his soon-to-be Marines fill their canteens, turn in their bayonets and form it up for the hike to the next event in the Crucible.



Recruit Dwight A. Rives, Platoon 1028, attacks a tire at the beginning of the course. In the earlier stage of the course, recruits attack several enemy lines simulated by tires. Lance Cpl. Paul Matthew Brown



Recruit Jerry M. Taylor-Hall, Platoon 1028, hurdles over one of the last obstacles in Janson's Thrust. It is the last part of this event when recruits leave their fire teams and individually rush over the final log obstacles.



Recruit Thomas L. Pullium, Platoon 1028, waits in a one-man fighting hole until his fire team has regrouped. Whenever there is an opportunity to take cover, fire teams regroup until the next obstacle section is clear of recruits. Lance Cpl. Paul Matthew Brown